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Reference: Proposed permit renewal for the County of Maui to operate four injection wells at their Lahaina Wastewater Reclamation Facility.

The permit should not be renewed. It is well established that the nutrient load from this reclaimed water is impacting the coral reefs around Maui.

The change in the reef structure is having an adverse effect on the Hawaiian Humpback Whale Marine Sanctuary.

The critically endangered Hawksbill Turtle utilizes these coral reefs for food and shelter.

The Maui economy is dependant on the revenue derived from Tourism for its well being. The loss of this resource will have a profound effect on the County of Maui.

Other methods of disposal of the reclaimed water should be used. Specifically drinking water used for irrigation in much of Maui should be replaced with the reclaimed water.

Thank you for an opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,



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